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1. MISSION RECEIVED FOLLOWING LETTER (SOME UNNECESSARY WORDS
OMITTED) FROM RUDOLF ROMETSCH, DEPUTY DIRECTOR GENERAL FOR SAFE-
GUARDS.

2. QUOTE REFERENCE IS MADE TO YOUR LETTER OF JANUARY 26,
1977 TO DR. EKULUND IN WHICH YOU INFORMED US THAT \$417,000 WILL
BE FORTHCOMING FROM UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT TO DEFRAY COSTS TO
AGENCY FOR RENTAL DURING LAST 6 MONTHS OF 1977 OF COMPUTER AS
DESCRIBED IN ASK STATEMENT D.1.S

QUOTE YOU WILL RECALL THAT WITH ESPECT TO THIS COMPUTER
WE HAVE ALSO REQUESTED, UNDER TAKS D.1.B, \$64,500 IN ORDER TO
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ADVANCE INSTALLATION DATE ONE MONTH FROM JULY 1, 1977 TO
JUNE 1, 1977. WE HAVE LEARNED THAT THIS REQUEST DID
NOT RECEIVE A FAVORABLE DECISION. BECAUSE OF
IMPORTANCE TO SAFEGUARDS PROGRAM OF ADVANCING
INSTALLATION DATE OF COMPUTER ONE MONTH, WE
RESPECTFULLY REQUEST RECONSIDERATION OF OUR
REQUEST. BASIC JUSTIFICATION FOR OUR REQUEST IS

NEED FOR GREATER ASSURANCE THAT WE WILL BE ABLE TO
PROCESS ENORMOUSLY INCREASING VOLUME OF SAFEGUARDS
DATA.

QUOTE WE CONSIDER THIS ASSISTANCE TO BE CRITICAL,
AND, IN VIEW OF TIME FRAMES INVOLVED, TO BE URGENT.
VOLUME OF DATA TO BE PROCESSED HAS INCREASED MORE
QUICKLY THAN ANTICIPATED. PENDING DEPARTURE IN SUMMER
OF 1977 FROM THE AGENCY OF THE TWO MOST ESSENTIAL
PEOPLE IN COMPUTER SECTION FOR MAKING CONVERSION FROM
PRESENT SYSTEM TO NEW SYSTEM MAKES INSTALLATION OF
COMPUTER AT EARLIER DATE OF HIGH PRIORITY IN OUR PRO-
GRAM. THESE TWO STAFF MEMBERS WILL PROVIDE FAR
GREATER ASSURANCE THAT COMPLICATED TRANSITION FROM OUR
PRESENT COMPUTER TO LARGER COMPUTER AT TIME OF
SIGNIFICANTLY INCREASING WORKLOAD WILL BE A SUCCESSFUL
ONE. EXTENDED DELAY OR FAILURE IN THIS EFFORT WOULD
HAVE AN ENORMOUSLY DILATORIOUS EFFECT ON OUR SAFEGUARDS
PROGRAM.

QUOTE SEVERAL EVENTS HAVE OCCURRED SINCE OUR
ORIGINAL REQUEST; PRIMARILY, IBM IS NOW ABLE TO
DELIVER EQUIPMENT EARLIER, THE COMPUTER SECTION HAS
BEEN ABLE SCHEDULE NECESSARY PHYSICAL MODIFICATIONS
TO COMPUTER ROOM, AND IAEA COMPUTER SECTION HAS BEEN
ABLE MAKE ARRANGEMENTS PROVIDE NECESSARY SYSTEM
SUPPORT PERSONNEL ON EARLIER TIME FRAME.

QUOTE WE HAVE CAREFULLY REVIEWED WHETHER WE WOULD
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BE ABLE TO USE FUNDS FROM OUR REGULAR BUDGET
APPROPRIATION FOR THIS PURPOSE. AS YOU ARE AWARE,
OUR 1977 BUDGET IS BASED ON AN EXCHANGE RATE OF 18.50
AUSTRIAN SCHILLINGS TO ONE UNITED STATES
DOLLAR; WHEREAS, ACTUAL EXCHANGE RATE DURING FIRST
THREE MONTHS OF 1977 HAS BEEN AT, OR BELOW, 17.00
AUSTRIAN SCHILLINGS TO DOLLAR. CONSEQUENTLY, WE ARE
AT THIS TIME FACING SUBSTANTIAL BUDGET DEFICIT IN
1977, AND WE ARE UNFORTUNATELY NOT ABLE TO PROVIDE
REQUIRED \$64,500 FOR ADDITIONAL MONTH'S COMPUTER
RENTAL.

QUOTE I WOULD LIKE TO RE-EMPHASIZE THAT THIS
ASSISTANCE IS OF CRITICAL IMPORTANCE TO SAFEGUARDS
PROGRAM'S CAPABILITY TO PROCESS ENORMOUS
INCREASE IN DATA WE ARE NOW EXPERIENCING. SUCCESSFUL
COMPLETION OF COMPLICATED TASK OF TRANSITION FROM
ONE COMPUTER SYSTEM TO ANOTHER IS PARTICULARLY
SENSITIVE TO AVAILABILITY OF TWO KEY STAFF MEMBERS

IN THE COMPUTER SECTION. ACCORDINGLY, THE ONE MONTH
EARLIER DELIVERY OF COMPUTER IS OF HIGHEST PRIORITY.

QUOTE YOUR RECONSIDERATION AND EARLY RESPONSE
WOULD BE GREATLY APPRECIATED. END QUOTE.

3. AS EVIDENT IN QUOTED LETTER, AGENCY NOW
SEES THIS NEED TO BE OF HIGH AND URGENT IMPORTANCE;
CONSIDERABLY MORE SO THAN DURING MEETINGS DISCUSSING
VARIOUS PROJECTS IN FIRST WEEK OF FEBRUARY 1977.
MISSION HAS CONSISTENTLY URGED RECOGNITION OF NEED
FOR US ASSISTANCE PROGRAM TO HAVE FLEXIBILITY TO
ASSURE MOST TIMELY AND MEANINGFUL IMPACT. THIS APPEARS
TO BE A SITUATION CALLING FOR SUCH FLEXIBILITY AND
MISSION RECOMMENDS FAVORABLE CONSIDERATION OF IAEA
REQUEST, IF NECESSARY DEFERRING \$64,500 OF OTHER LESS
CRITICAL PROJECTS.
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4. IN VIEW OF DESIRED JUNE 1977 INSTALLATION DATE AND
NEED FOR DETAILED ARRANGEMENTS TO BE MADE BETWEEN IAEA
AND IBM, MISSION WOULD APPRECIATE RESPONSE ASAP.
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